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SUBJ: MOROCCAN ARMS REQUEST

1. DURING TELEPHONE CONVERSATION MAY 9 WITH ROYAL COUNSELLOR GUEDIRA, WHO IN FEZ WITH KING, HE ASKED ABOUT STATUS OF MOROCCAN ARMS REQUEST AND OF QUESTION OF USE OF U.S.-FURNISHED ARMS. I REPLIED THAT SITUATION REMAINED THE SAME AS DESCRIBED BY SECRETARY TO FONMIN BOUCETTA IN MID-MARCH, I.E., DEPARTMENT HAD DEFERRED FURTHER ACTION WITH CONGRESS THIS YEAR, AND ADMINISTRATION WAS CURRENTLY GIVING FULL ATTENTION TO THE MIDDLE EAST ARMS PACKAGE.

2. GUEDIRA SAID THAT HE HAD RECENTLY HAD LONG TALK WITH KING, AND THAT, THE PROBLEM OF THE SAHARA ASIDE, HE WISHED TO DISCUSS THE 1960 BILATERAL AGREEMENT IN DETAIL WITH ME IN NEAR FUTURE WHEN HE RETURNED TO RABAT. NOTING HE WAS THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH THE
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1960 AGREEMENT, HAVING HELPED TO NEGOTIATE IT, GUEDIRA CONSIDERED DEPARTMENT'S CURRENT INTERPRETATION OF THE AGREEMENT, PARTICULARLY REGARDING USE OF U.S.-FURNISHED EQUIPMENT, INCORRECT. GUEDIRA HOPED THAT AFTER OUR PROJECTED DISCUSSION, I WOULD PASS HIS DETAILED EXPLANATION OF KING'S VIEWS TO WHITE HOUSE AND DEPARTMENT.

3. COMMENT: IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE AN ACCOUNT
OF AMBASSADOR BENGELLOUN'S DISCUSSION WITH UNDER
SECRETARY NEWSOM SCHEDULED FOR MAY 3 (STATE 112317).
I THINK IT IMPORTANT THAT WE STAY IN STEP WITH
DEPARTMENT LEST WE CREATE UNNECESSARY CONFUSION.
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